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### THE APPLE SHOW

The following letter has been received by the Commercial Club from the Secretary of the Oregon State Horticultural Society, in regard to an exhibit from here at the Apple Show:

"We are just closing up our premium list for the All Oregon Apple and Fruit Show to be held during our annual meeting Nov. 15-17, and as you always come out with a good exhibit at the State Fair, we would like to see you represented better at the Apple Show.

"Could you not offer a small special prize for your county or get the county court to do so?"

Last year we had special prizes by various Commercial Clubs. Corvallis offered \$100, Albany \$50, (repeated this year in response to letter mailed last week.) Hood River \$50, Oregon City \$30, Sandy District \$50, Estacada \$25, Salem \$25, Eugene \$15, Coos County \$15, Portland Commercial Club general prizes \$200. This year we expect to have nearly every fruit district in the State represented. There will be several thousand dollars in general prizes in addition to the special county prizes.

"Also use your influence in getting your growers to attend and bring their fruit. Prizes will be offered on apples, pears, dried prunes and dried berries. Also a small prize on vegetables."

This is a place that this county should most certainly be represented. Columbia has never had the place in the fruit raising counties of the State that he deserves, and now is a good chance to begin the work of getting a reputation for the best fruit raised in Oregon. There will be apples from everywhere at the Apple Show, but where can any be found that surpass those raised in this neighborhood? Whether or not there is any county exhibit it is to be hoped that some of the orchardists take their fruit up, and come back with the prizes.

### The Force Astor Nuptials

No one expected that the protest of decency or the fact of illegality would prevent the marriage of Colonel John Jacob Astor and Madeline Force. All that the public mind could count on for a certainty was that the marriage could not be solemnized in New York because Astor had been divorced in that state for violation of fornication vows, and within New York's boundaries it would be a crime for him to marry again.

It is morally a crime for Astor to marry within the boundaries of any other state, but he is one of those who was born to that state of financial felicitation wherein moral obligations that run counter to sensual desires do not count. When a man of that class chooses to be unfaithful to one wife and marry another, he has money enough to lay the scene of his polygamous nuptials beyond the law's reach, while to violate moral conceptions is not considered, because that sort of a man does not have any such conceptions with regard to matrimony.

An eminent minister of the Episcopal Church denounced this marriage, speaking of the iniquity of it in terms of righteous indignation. But denunciation from the pulpit, or from the columns of the press, will not amount to much, only as far as these may lead to the creation of a sentiment that will eventually bring about uniformity of state law in the matter of divorce and remarriage.

This is one of those subjects which it was thought the last House of Governors would take up with practical intent. In its social effect, it is, perhaps, the most important of them. It offers opportunity for the Episcopal Church and all other churches to do practical work that will protect the institution of home and family. There is not the moral dignity among the ultra rich which, by ostracism, will cure this evil of meretricious juggling with the marriage sacrament; but we do not believe there is lack of wholesome public sentiment in this country to that end.—TELEGRAM.

The new school will be something for the community to be proud of, but listen to the anvil chorus. Can anything be done that will please everybody?

### THE WILY INVESTIGATION

The solicitor of the United States Treasury was compelled to admit before a Congressional Investigating Committee last week, that he had altered, before permitting it to be published, a judgment rendered against a food manufacturer in a Missouri court, by striking out the word benzoate acid and substituting the word caffeine. McCabe is the fellow who is trying to secure the removal of Dr. Wiley, the chemist, on a charge that he exceeded his authority in employing a noted expert, and yet McCabe was compelled to admit that Wm. H. Harris, a coffee expert, is employed in the Bureau of Chemistry under terms exactly similar to those in the case of Dr. Rusby, which McCabe refused to sanction, and which brought about the charges against Wiley. McCabe insisted there was a difference, in that Harris was the only coffee expert the department could employ. The judgment concerning which McCabe was questioned sentenced food manufacturer for using "deleterious" substances, to wit: Cocaine, benzoic acid and coal tar dyes, "in a food product. He admitted that he had ordered a change in the court's judgment before publishing it.

Now, if McCabe were an "insurgent" instead of an administration Republican, what a roasting he would get. "Forger" would be one of the terms applied to him, and it would come pretty near being the truth. The people believe in Dr. Wiley. They believe him to be honest and able, and that when he says benzoate of soda is not healthful and should not be used in the manufacture of food products, he is right. McCabe, whose duty it is to represent the people, stands with the men who are willing, for the profit's sake, to furnish adulterated food products, and he is so much their friend and the enemy of Dr. Wiley, that he confesses to altering a court judgment in their interests.—Elgin Recorder.

Clatsop, Columbia, Clackamas, Marion, Polk, Benton, Douglas, Grant, Lincoln, Lane, Linn, and Coos Counties will have exhibits at the State Fair this year, and the competition for the prizes will be stronger than ever before. If this County comes out as well as it should, then every person in the County, and more especially the farmers, will have to do all in their power to aid the commissioner. In order to get the exhibits in shape at the start, the Board of Agriculture will give a cash prize of \$20 to every County whose exhibit is installed by nine o'clock on the morning that the fair opens.

### St. Helens to Have Station

Officials of the Astoria and Columbia River Railroad were in town last Monday, for the purpose of investigating the advisability of putting in a station at this point, and the gentlemen who came down to look the matter over say that their report will be favorable, and as the railroad commission has said the same there seems to be but little doubt as to the fact that there will be a town named St. Helens on the railroad maps hereafter.

A movement is also on foot to try and get the company to give this section a better passenger rate. It was announced a short time ago that the rate would be lowered on a 25 trip ticket, but as this ticket would only be good for 90 days this change would be of benefit to but few. A reduction on a 10 trip ticket good for 90 days would be worth something to the people of St. Helens and would in all probability increase the amount of travel to an extent that would repay the company for lowering the rate.

The station will be built near the northwest corner of the town, on land given for the purpose by the St. Helens Improvement Company. The location is first class, and if there is a switch built from the railroad into the business part of town, as in all likelihood there will be at some time in the not far distant future, it will leave the main line at this point.

### A BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

And now Manager Le Bire and the Rainier fans want to hold a tournament to last for three days, beginning on the Saturday before Labor Day, and ending on that day, with Clatskanie, St. Helens and Rainier taking part. There would be two games each day, or six in all, each team playing four, and each team playing each of the others twice. The people of this place are willing, and Manager Sutherland has expressed himself as willing to go to Rainier if the Rainier manager will make him an offer that he can come out even financially on.

The first baseball tournament in this county was held at St. Helens in 1902, and the next at Rainier in the following year. The third and last one was held at Clatskanie in 1904, and some of the fans say that this one should be at St. Helens again, but Rainier will do, as they seem to have started the movement. Wherever it is held, the business men of that town can afford to drag a little, for it will bring a lot of people and trade to their town.

Everybody in Columbia County will take an active interest in it, and there will be a crowd follow both of the outside teams.

There are parts of the Strand that need cleaning up. Piles of dirt and rubbish a town's main street do not speak well for the enterprise of its citizens.

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